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Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Resumed 28th Meeting

15 January 2019

15:00 - 18:00 208th meeting (closed) Conference Room 3

With regard to credentials, it is recalled that the Meeting of the States Parties held from 11 June 2018 to 12 June 2018 approved the report of the Credentials Committee on the understanding that the credentials of representatives to the meeting would continue to be valid until the convening of the next meeting, in accordance with rule 1 of the Rules of Procedure.

States Parties that have not submitted credentials of representatives to the meeting, or that may need to update those credentials, are requested to submit original credentials to the Secretariat, duly signed by the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs or any person authorized by either of them, as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General wishes to remind States Parties that only provided provisional information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the meeting to transmit formal credentials of their representatives to the Secretariat as soon as possible.

Timely submission of credentials is essential to ensure the efficient work of the Credentials Committee.

Documents: SPLOS/323, SPLOS/324 and SPLOS/L.80

Link: Website

Contacts: Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (Room DC2 0450) (doalos@un.org)

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/
United Nations Population Fund/
United Nations Office for Project Services

7 January 2019

10:00 - 13:00 Pre-session informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 20 December 2018

General Assembly

Seventy-third session

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62nd plenary meeting

Reports of the Sixth Committee

The Rapporteur of the Sixth Committee introduced the reports of the Sixth Committee on agenda items 79 to 87, 90 to 91, 111, 123, 137, 167, and 169 to 178.

Under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the General Assembly decided not to discuss the reports of the Sixth Committee which were before the Assembly.

Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission: report of the Sixth Committee (A/73/549) - Item 79

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/73/549) (resolution 73/196).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 79.

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its fifty-first session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/73/496) - Item 80

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I to IV recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 14 of its report (A/73/496), as follows:

Draft resolution I (resolution 73/197) Adopted

Draft resolution II (resolution 73/198) Adopted

Draft resolution III (resolution 73/199) Adopted

Draft resolution IV (resolution 73/200) Adopted

The representative of Singapore made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 80.

United Nations Programme of Assistance on the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law: report of the Sixth Committee (A/73/557) - Item 81

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/73/557) (resolution 73/201).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 81.

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its seventieth session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/73/556) - Item 82

The General Assembly was informed that action on draft resolution I was postponed to a later date to allow time for the review of its programme budget implications by the Fifth Committee.

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions II and III recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 12 of its report (A/73/556), as follows:

Draft resolution II (resolution 73/202) Adopted

Draft resolution III (resolution 73/203) Adopted

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 82.

Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts: report of the Sixth Committee (A/73/555) - Item 83

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/73/555) (resolution 73/204).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 83.

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives: report of the Sixth Committee (A/73/554) - Item 84

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/73/554) (resolution 73/205).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 84.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization: report of the Sixth Committee (A/73/486) - Item 85

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/73/486) (resolution 73/206).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 85.

The rule of law at the national and international levels: report of the Sixth Committee (A/73/553) - Item 86

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/73/553) (resolution 73/207).

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 86.

The Scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction: report of the Sixth Committee (A/73/550) - Item 87

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/73/550) (resolution 73/208).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 87.

Protection of persons in the event of disasters: report of the Sixth Committee (A/73/558) - Item 90

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/73/558) (resolution 73/209).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 90.

Strengthening and promoting the international treaty framework: report of the Sixth Committee (A/73/560) - Item 91

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/73/560) (resolution 73/210).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 91.

Measures to eliminate international terrorism: report of the Sixth Committee (A/73/551) - Item 111

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/73/551) (resolution 73/211).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 111.

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/73/559) - Item 123

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/73/559) (decision 73/532).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 123.

Programme planning: report of the Sixth Committee (A/73/563) - Item 137

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Sixth Committee (A/73/563) (decision 73/533).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 137.

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country: report of the Sixth Committee (A/73/552) - Item 167

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/73/552) (resolution 73/212).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 167.

Observer status for the Cooperation Council of Turkic-speaking States in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/73/433) - Item 169

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/73/433) (decision 73/534).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 169.

Observer status for the Eurasian Economic Union in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/73/434) - Item 170

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/73/434) (decision 73/535).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 170.

Observer status for the Community of Democracies in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/73/467) - Item 171

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/73/467) (decision 73/536).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 171.

Observer status for the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands Secretariat in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/73/436) - Item 172

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/73/436) (decision 73/537).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 172.

Observer status for the Global Environment Facility in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/73/435) - Item 173

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/73/435) (decision 73/538).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 173.

Observer status for the New Development Bank in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/73/463) - Item 174

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/73/463) (resolution 73/213).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 174.

Observer status for the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea in the General Assembly (A/73/465) - Item 175

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/73/465) (resolution 73/214).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 175.

Observer status for the European Public Law Organization in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/73/462) - Item 176

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/73/462) (resolution 73/215).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 176.

Observer status for the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/73/464) - Item 177

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/73/464) (resolution 73/216).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 177.

Observer status for the International Think Tank for Landlocked Developing Countries in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/73/466) - Item 178

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/73/466) (resolution 73/217).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 178.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Sixth Committee before it.

Reports of the Second Committee

The Rapporteur of the Second Committee introduced the reports of the Second Committee on agenda items 17 to 27, 64, 123 and 137, in the course of which she orally revised the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/73/545).

Under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the General Assembly decided not to discuss the reports of the Second Committee that were before the Assembly.

Information and communications technologies for sustainable development: report of the Second Committee (A/73/535) - Item 17

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 17 of its report (A/73/535) (resolution 73/218).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 17.

Macroeconomic policy questions: report of the Second Committee (A/73/536) - Item 18

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee (A/73/536) (decision 73/539).

International trade and development: report of the Second Committee (A/73/536/Add.1) - Item 18 (a)

The representative of Switzerland (also on behalf of Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Iceland, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kenya, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Mexico, Myanmar, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, the Philippines, the Russian Federation, Thailand, Turkey, Saint Lucia, Senegal, Singapore, South Africa and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela) made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

By 184 votes to 1, with 0 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 13 of its report (A/73/536/Add.1) (resolution 73/219).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 18.

International financial system and development: report of the Second Committee (A/73/536/Add.2) - Item 18 (b)

By 184 votes to 1, with 0 abstentions, the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/73/536/Add.2) (resolution 73/220).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 18.

External debt sustainability and development: report of the Second Committee (A/73/536/Add.3) - Item 18 (c)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/73/536/Add.3) (resolution 73/221).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 18.

Promotion of international cooperation to combat illicit financial flows and strengthen good practices on assets return to foster sustainable development: report of the Second Committee (A/73/536/Add.4) - Item 18 (d)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/73/536/Add.4) (resolution 73/222).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (d) of agenda item 18 and agenda item 18 as a whole.

Follow-up and implementation of the outcomes of the International Conferences and Financing for Development: report of the Second Committee (A/73/537) - Item 19

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 12 of its report (A/73/537) (resolution 73/223).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 19.

Sustainable development: report of the Second Committee (A/73/538) - Item 20

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 20 of its report (A/73/538), as follows:

Draft resolution I (recorded vote) (resolution 73/224) Yes: 166; No: 7; Abstentions: 7

Draft resolution II (recorded vote) (resolution 73/225) Yes: 153; No: 25; Abstentions: 5

Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development: report of the Second Committee (A/73/538/Add.1) - Item 20 (a)

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 14 of its report (A/73/538/Add.1), as follows:

Draft resolution I (resolution 73/226) Adopted

Draft resolution II (recorded vote) (resolution 73/227) Yes: 135; No: 47; Abstentions: 3

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 20.

Follow-up and Implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States: report of the Second Committee (A/73/538/Add.2) - Item 20 (b)

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 13 of its report (A/73/538/Add.2), as follows:

Draft resolution I (resolution 73/228) Adopted

Draft resolution II (resolution 73/229) Adopted

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Turkey and Colombia.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 20.

Disaster risk reduction: report of the Second Committee (A/73/538/Add.3) - Item 20 (c)

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 17 of its report (A/73/538/Add.3), as follows:

Draft resolution I (resolution 73/230) Adopted

Draft resolution II (resolution 73/231) Adopted

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 20.

Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind: report of the Second Committee (A/73/538/Add.4) - Item 20 (d)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/73/538/Add.4) (resolution 73/232).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (d) of agenda item 20.

Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa: report of the Second Committee (A/73/538/Add.5) - Item 20 (e)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/73/538/Add.5) (resolution 73/233).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (e) of agenda item 20.

Convention on Biological Diversity: report of the Second Committee (A/73/538/Add.6) - Item 20 (f)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/73/538/Add.6) (resolution 73/234).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (f) of agenda item 20.

Report of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme: report of the Second Committee (A/73/538/Add.7) – Item 20 (g)

The General Assembly was informed that action on the draft resolution contained in paragraph 19 of the report (A/73/538/Add.7) was postponed to a later date to allow time for the review of the programme budget implications by the Fifth Committee.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (g) of agenda item 20.

Harmony with Nature: report of the Second Committee (A/73/538/Add.8) - Item 20 (h)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 12 of its report (A/73/538/Add.8) (resolution 73/235).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (h) of agenda item 20.

Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all: report of the Second Committee (A/73/538/Add.9) - Item 20 (i)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/73/538/Add.9) (resolution 73/236).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (i) of agenda item 20.

Combating sand and dust storms: report of the Second Committee (A/73/538/Add.10) - Item 20 (j)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/73/538/Add.10) (resolution 73/237).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (j) of agenda item 20.

The role of the international community in the prevention of the radiation threat in Central Asia: report of the Second Committee (A/73/538/Add.11) - Item 20 (k)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/73/538/Add.11) (resolution 73/238).

The representative of Kyrgyzstan made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (k) of agenda item 20.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 20.

Implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conferences on Human Settlements and on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat): report of the Second Committee (A/73/539) - Item 21

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 15 of its report (A/73/539) (resolution 73/239).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 21.

Globalization and interdependence: report of the Second Committee (A/73/540) – Item 22

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee (A/73/540) (decision 73/540).

Globalization and interdependence: report of the Second Committee (A/73/540/Add.1) - Item 22 (a)

By 133 votes to 48, with 5 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/73/540/Add.1) (resolution 73/240).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 22.

International migration and development: report of the Second Committee (A/73/540/Add.2) - Item 22 (b)

By 182 votes to 3, with 2 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/73/540/Add.2) (resolution 73/241).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Italy, Libya and Chile.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 22 and its sub-item (b).

Groups of countries in special situations: report of the Second Committee (A/73/541) - Item 23

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee (A/73/541) (decision 73/541).

Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries: report of the Second Committee (A/73/541/Add.1) - Item 23 (a)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/73/541/Add.1) (resolution 73/242).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 23.

Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries: report of the Second Committee (A/73/541/Add.2) - Item 23 (b)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/74/541/Add.2) (resolution 73/243).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 23 and of agenda item 23 as a whole.

Eradication of poverty and other development issues: report of the Second Committee (A/73/542) - Item 24

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I and II recommended in paragraph 21 of its report (A/73/542), as follows:

Draft resolution I (recorded vote) (resolution 73/244) Yes: 133; No: 48; Abstentions: 2

Draft resolution II (resolution 73/245) Adopted

The representative of China made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

Implementation of the Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2018-2027): report of the Second Committee (A/73/542/Add.1) - Item 24 (a)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/73/542/Add.1) (resolution 73/246).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 24.

Industrial development cooperation: report of the Second Committee (A/73/542/Add.2) - Item 24 (b)

By 183 votes to 2, with 0 abstentions, the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/73/542/Add.2) (resolution 73/247).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 24 and agenda item 24 as a whole.

Operational activities for development: report of the Second Committee (A/73/543) - Item 25

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee (decision 73/542).

Operational activities for development of the United Nations system: report of the Second Committee (A/73/543/Add.1) - Item 25 (a)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/73/543/Add.1) (resolution 73/248).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 25.

South-South Cooperation for development: report of the Second Committee (A/73/543/Add.2) - Item 25 (b)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 12 of its report (A/73/543/Add.2) (resolution 73/249).

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 13 of the same report (decision 73/543).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 25 and agenda item 25 as a whole.

Agricultural development, food security and nutrition: report of the Second Committee (A/73/544) - Item 26

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I to IV recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 29 of its report (A/73/544), as follows:

Draft resolution I (resolution 73/250) Adopted

Draft resolution II (resolution 73/251) Adopted

Draft resolution III (resolution 73/252) Adopted

The representative of Croatia made a statement on a point of order.

The President made a statement.

Draft resolution IV (recorded vote) (resolution 73/253) Yes: 185; No: 1; Abstentions: 1

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 26.

Towards global partnerships: report of the Second Committee (A/73/545) - Item 27

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/73/545), as orally revised by the Rapporteur (resolution 73/254).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 27.

Permanent Sovereignty of the Palestinian People in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab Population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources: report of the Second Committee (A/73/546) - Item 64

By 159 votes to 7, with 13 abstentions, the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 16 of its report (A/73/546) (resolution 73/255).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 64.

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly: report of the Second Committee (A/73/547) - Item 123

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/73/547) (decision 73/544).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 123.

Programme planning: report of the Second Committee (A/73/548) - Item 137

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee (A/73/548) (decision 73/545).

Statement after adoption were made by the representatives of the European Union (also on behalf of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Montenegro, the Republic of Moldova, Serbia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Ukraine) and Egypt (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Second Committee before it for this meeting.

Assistance to the Palestinian people: draft resolutions (A/73/L.69) - Item 75 (b)

The representative of Austria (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/73/L.69.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/73/L.69 (resolution 73/256).

The observer of the Observer State of Palestine made a statement after adoption.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 75.

63rd plenary meeting Strengthening of the United Nations system: draft resolution (A/73/L.63) - Item 125 (a)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 125.

The representative of Mexico made a statement, in the course of which he introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/73/L.63.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the United States and Brazil.

By 69 votes to 4, with 66 abstentions, the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/73/L.63 as orally revised (resolution 73/257).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Slovakia, Egypt, Romania, Israel, Qatar, Australia, France, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Namibia and Viet Nam.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 125.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons: draft resolution (A/73/L.72) - Item 128 (n)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (n) of agenda item 128.

The representative of the Netherlands made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/73/L.72.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolution A/73/L.72, as follows:

Draft resolution A/73/L.72 (recorded vote) Operative paragraph 6 Yes: 114; No: 11; Abstentions: 19

As a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 73/258) Yes: 142; No: 0; Abstentions: 12

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Syrian Arab Republic, Cuba and Viet Nam.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (n) of agenda item 128.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations: draft resolution (A/73/L.71) - Item 128 (q)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (q) of agenda item 128.

The representative of Singapore made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/73/L.71.

The representative of Bangladesh made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/73/L.71 (resolution 73/259).

The representative of Thailand made a statement on a point of order.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (q) of agenda item 128.

Friday, 21 December 2018

Security Council

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8436th meeting

The situation in the Middle East

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/2018/1088)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2018/1143, submitted by the United States of America.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2018/1143) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2018/1143) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 2450 (2018).

8437th meeting

Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Security Council began its consideration of the item and adopted a statement by the President on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2018/21).

A statement was made by the representative of Sweden.

8438th meeting — The situation in Guinea-Bissau

Special report of the Secretary-General on the strategic assessment of the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau (S/2018/1086).

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representative of Guinea-Bissau to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited the following briefers to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure: Mr. Tayé-Brook Zerihoun, Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs; and His Excellency Mauro Vieira, Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations, in his capacity as Chair of the Guinea-Bissau Configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by Mr. Zerihoun and His Excellency Mauro Vieira

Statements were made by the representatives of Ethiopia, Equatorial Guinea, the United Kingdom, th. United States, Sweden, Peru, the Netherlands, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, France, the Russian Federation, China, Poland, Kuwait, Kazakhstan and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Côte d'Ivoire.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Guinea-Bissau.

8439th meeting — The situation in the Middle East

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2018/1147, submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2018/1147) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2018/1147) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions and was adopted unanimously as resolution 2451 (2018).

After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Sweden, the United States, Kuwait, the Netherlands, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, China, Peru, France, Ethiopia, Poland and the Russian Federation.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Yemen.

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64th plenary meeting — General and complete disarmament: draft resolution (A/73/L.70) - Item 101

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 101.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/73/L.70.

The representative of the United States made a statement on a point of order.

The General Assembly decided that a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting was required for the adoption of draft resolution A/73/L.70.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the United States, Poland (also on behalf of Albania, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary,

Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States), Austria (on behalf of the European Union and Albania, Georgia, Montenegro, Turkey and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia), Belarus, Ukraine and China.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

By 43 votes to 46, with 78 abstentions (recorded vote), having failed to obtain a two-thirds majority of members present and voting, the General Assembly rejected draft resolution A/73/L.70.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Switzerland, New Zealand, Liechtenstein, Argentina, Canada, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Peru, Pakistan, Guyana, Viet Nam, Malaysia and the Philippines.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 101.

Election of members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission - Item 116 (c)

The General Assembly took note of the information contained in documents A/73/603 and A/73/663.

Since the number of candidates endorsed by the groups of African States and the Asia-Pacific States and communicated from the group of Latin American and Caribbean States was equal to the number of seats to be filled, Egypt, Guatemala, Kenya, Mexico and Nepal were declared elected members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission for a two-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2019 (decision 73/413).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 116.

Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the President of the General Assembly (A/73/805) - Item 117 (f)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (f) of agenda item 117.

The General Assembly re-appointed Ms. Keiko Kamioka (Japan) as a member of the Joint Inspection Unit for a five-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2020 and expiring on 31 December 2024 (decision 73/414).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (f) of agenda item 117.

International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals - Item 130

(a) Letter from the President of the Security Council (A/73/578);

(b) Memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/73/577);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General: curricula vitae of candidates (A/73/566).

The representative of Uganda made a statement on a point of order.

The President made a statement.

The representative of Morocco made a statement on a point of order.

The representative of Guinea made a statement, in the course of which he withdrew the candidacy of Mr. Moussa Sampil.

The meeting was suspended.

The meeting was resumed.

The observer of the Observer State of the Holy See made a statement on a point of order.

In the first round of balloting, no candidate obtained an absolute majority.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that items 20 (g), 52, 72 (b), 74 (c), 82, 96, 104 and 128 (d), would only be taken up when the Fifth Committee completed its work.

65th plenary meeting — The summary of the 65th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2018/248).

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